IN THE CLAIMS:

The text of all pending claims, (including withdrawn claims) is set forth below. Cancelled and not entered claims are indicated with claim number and status only. The claims as listed below show added text with underlining and deleted text with ~~strikethrough~~. The status of each claim is indicated with one of (original), (currently amended), (cancelled), (withdrawn), (new), (previously presented), or (not entered).

Please AMEND claim 1 in accordance with the following:

1. (Currently Amended) An organic electroluminescent display device comprising:

a substrate;

a lower electrode formed on the substrate, the lower electrode having a planar upper surface at a first step difference above the substrate;

a pixel define layer formed on the substrate and covering one portion of the lower electrode while exposing another portion of the lower electrode, the portion of the pixel define layer, which covers the one portion of the lower electrode, having a planar upper surface at a second step difference above the substrate;

an organic thin film layer formed on the lower electrode; and

an upper electrode formed on the organic thin film layer,

wherein the second step difference of the pixel define layer is not greater than the first step difference of the lower electrode.

2. (Previously Presented) The organic electroluminescent display device according to claim 1, wherein the pixel define layer comprises a thermosetting resin or a photosensitive resin.

3. (Original) The organic electroluminescent display device according to claim 1, further comprising a buffer pattern between the lower electrode and the substrate and which has a predetermined thickness sufficient to reduce a difference between the first and second step differences.

4. (Original) The organic electroluminescent display device according to claim 3, wherein a thickness of the pixel define layer above the substrate is substantially the same as or

less than a sum of thicknesses of the lower electrode and the buffer pattern above the substrate.

5. (Original) The organic electroluminescent display device according to claim 3, wherein the buffer pattern includes an inorganic insulation film comprising an oxide film or a nitride film.

6. (Original) The organic electroluminescent display device according to claim 3, wherein the buffer pattern comprises an organic insulation film comprising a thermosetting resin or a photosensitive resin.

7. (Original) The organic electroluminescent display device according to claim 1, wherein the lower electrode comprises a reflective electrode material, a transmittive electrode material, or a stacked layer of the reflective electrode material and the transmittive electrode material.

8. (Original) The organic electroluminescent display device according to claim 7, wherein the lower electrode comprises the reflective electrode material selected from the group consisting of Al, Al/ITO, Cr, Pt, Au, Ag, Ag/ITO, Al/IZO, Ag/IZO, Pd, Ni and an alloy film thereof.

9. (Original) The organic electroluminescent display device according to claim 7, wherein the lower electrode comprises the transmittive electrode material selected from the group consisting ITO, IZO and ATO.

10-23. (Cancelled)

24. (Previously Presented) The organic electroluminescent display device according to claim 1, wherein the second step difference of the pixel define layer is less than or substantially equal to the first step difference of the lower electrode.

25. (Previously Presented) An organic electroluminescent display device comprising:

a substrate;

a lower electrode formed on the substrate, the lower electrode having a substantially planar upper surface at a first step difference above the substrate;

a pixel define layer formed on the substrate and covering one portion of the lower electrode while exposing another portion of the lower electrode, the pixel define layer having an upper surface at a second step difference above the substrate;

an organic thin film layer formed on the lower electrode;

an upper electrode formed on the organic thin film layer; and

a buffer pattern between the lower electrode and the substrate and which has a predetermined thickness sufficient to reduce a difference between the first and second step differences,

wherein the second step difference of the pixel define layer is less than or substantially equal to the first step difference of the lower electrode.

26. (Previously Presented) The organic electroluminescent display device according to claim 25, wherein a thickness of the pixel define layer above the substrate is substantially the same as or less than a sum of thicknesses of the lower electrode and the buffer pattern above the substrate.

27. (Previously Presented) The organic electroluminescent display device according to claim 25, wherein the buffer pattern includes an inorganic insulation film comprising an oxide film or a nitride film.

28. (Previously Presented) The organic electroluminescent display device according to claim 25, wherein the buffer pattern comprises an organic insulation film comprising a thermosetting resin or a photosensitive resin.